



City of Seattle

Department of Planning and Development

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**CITY OF SEATTLE  
ANALYSIS AND DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Application Number:** 3015429  
**Applicant Name:** Thomas Woldendorp  
**Address of Proposal:** 2600 S. Ferdinand St.

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION**

Land Use Application to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land. Proposed parcel sizes are: Parcel A) 5,002 sq. ft. and B) 11,573 sq. ft. Existing structures to remain.

The following approval is required:

**Short Subdivision** - to create two parcels of land. (Chapter 23.24, Seattle Municipal Code).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Zoning: Single Family 5000.

Public Comment: The public comment period ended July 24, 2013. One public comment was received.

Site Description: The 16,575 sq. ft. parcel is located at the westerly portion of the of block between 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S to the west and, 28<sup>th</sup> Ave S to the east. The site has frontage along S Ferdinand St. There are multiple trees located on the site.

There are no mapped or observed Environmentally Critical Areas (ECAs) or ECA buffers on the subject site.

**ANALYSIS – SUBDIVISION**

General short subdivision standards: Pursuant to SMC 23.24.040, the Director shall, after conferring with appropriate officials, use the following criteria to determine whether to grant, condition, or deny a short plat:

1. *Conformance to the applicable Land Use Code provisions, as modified by this chapter;*

2. *Adequacy of access for pedestrians, vehicles, utilities and fire protection as provided in Section 23.53.005, Access to lots, and Section 23.53.006, Pedestrian access and circulation;*
3. *Adequacy of drainage, water supply and sanitary sewage disposal;*
4. *Whether the public use and interests are served by permitting the proposed division of land;*
5. *Conformance to the applicable provisions of Section 25.09.240, Short subdivisions and subdivisions, in environmentally critical areas;*
6. *Whether the proposed division of land is designed to maximize the retention of existing trees;*
7. *Conformance to the provisions of Section 23.24.045, Unit lot subdivisions, when the short subdivision is for the purpose of creating separate lots of record for the construction and/or transfer of title of townhouse, rowhouse, and cottage housing developments as permitted in Single-Family, Residential Small Lot, and Lowrise zones and for single-family dwelling units in Lowrise zones, or any combination of the above types of residential development, as permitted in the applicable zones; and;*
8. *Conformance to the provisions of Section 23.24.046, Multiple single-family dwelling units on a single-family lot, when the short subdivision is for the purpose of creating two or more lots from one lot with more than one existing single-family dwelling unit.*
9. *Every lot except unit lots and lots proposed to be platted for individual live-work units in zones where live-work units are permitted, shall conform to the following standards for lot configuration, unless a special exception is authorized under subsection 23.24.040.B:*
  - a. *If a lot is proposed with street frontage, then one lot line shall abut the street for at least 10 feet; and*
  - b. *No lot shall be less than 10 feet wide for a distance of more than 10 feet as measured at any point; and*
  - c. *No proposed lot shall have more than six separate lot lines. The lot lines shall be straight lines, unless the irregularly shaped lot line is caused by an existing right-of-way or an existing lot line; and*
  - d. *If the property proposed for subdivision is adjacent to an alley, and the adjacent alley is either improved or required to be improved according to the standards of Section 23. 53.030, then no new lot shall be proposed that does not provide alley access, except that access from a street to an existing use or structure is not required to be changed to alley access. Proposed new lots shall have sufficient frontage on the alley to meet access standards for the zone in which the property is located.*

### Conclusion

Based on information provided by the applicant, referral comments from DPD and other City Departments, and review and analysis by the Land Use Planner, the above criteria have been met. The short subdivision meets all minimum standards or applicable exceptions set forth in the Land Use Code. This short subdivision will provide pedestrian and vehicular access (including

emergency vehicles), and public and private utilities. Adequate provisions for drainage control, water supply and sanitary sewage disposal will be provided for each lot and service is assured, subject to standard conditions governing utility extensions. The public use and interest are served by the proposal since all applicable criteria are met and the proposal creates the potential for additional housing opportunities in the City.

The 11,573 sq. ft. proposed lot, Parcel A, will have frontage on S Ferdinand St. and retain the existing house and garage. Access to the 5,002 sq. ft. lot, Parcel B, will be via an existing easement providing for pedestrian and vehicle ingress and egress. A utility easement across Parcel A is being created for the benefit of Parcel B, as part of this plat.

Per comments of Fire review; any future structure built on Parcel B must follow Section 503.1.1 of the 2009 SFC.

**DECISION –SHORT SUBDIVISION**

The proposed Short Subdivision is **GRANTED**.

Signature: (signature on file)  
Beth Hartwick, Senior Land Use Planner  
Department of Planning and Development

Date: November 21, 2013